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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Complicated Problem

WHETHER or not the international oil consortium and the Persian Government can reach a mutually satisfactory agreement for reviving Persia's oil industry is at the moment a very big question mark. The problem is so complicated that after two and a half months the consortium and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company delegates can still only report that "an exchange of views is being held on all issues and further clarification is needed." Thus it would appear that some considerable time may yet have to elapse before the even more important negotiations between the consortium and the Persian Government can take place and produce any tangible results. The companies which comprise the oil consortium required several weeks of discussions before they could reach agreement among themselves. The details of this agreement have not been revealed, but it is known that it falls into two main parts. One part deals with the proposals which are to be put before the Persian Government when the current talks between the consortium and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company are concluded; the other is concerned with the financial and other arrangements which the companies have made among themselves as partners in the new consortium. What has happened in effect is that seven of the companies have been bargaining with Anglo-Iranian about the amount of money to be paid by them for a specified share in the new international organisation which will manage the disposal of Persian oil in world markets. In addition there is the question of the consortium securing the legal title to the Anglo-Iranian assets, which must remain with AIOC until the company has received compensation from the Persian Government for the property which it has nationalised.

THIS is not likely to prove the most difficult of the issues when the time comes for the consortium to begin negotiations with the Persian Government. The Persian nationalisation law itself makes explicit provision for the payment of compensation to the owners of the expropriated properties, and it is reasonable to assume that the Persian Government fully appreciates that there is no point in opening talks with the international consortium on the rehabilitation of the country's oil industry unless it is ready to discharge its obligations to pay for the value of the assets which were summarily taken over three years ago. It is to everybody's advantage that an agreement between the consortium and the Persian Government be reached as rapidly as possible, and that this might materialise is suggested by the knowledge that the Persian Government has indicated it is impatient for a quick settlement, which will bring its oil back into the world markets again. But there is a world of difference between eagerness for an agreement in principle and actual readiness to accept the practical implications of doing business in such a way that the big international oil companies are prepared to handle one's product. It is relevant to note that it has taken the oil companies themselves nearly three months to work out an agreement on the practical implications of a Persian oil settlement, insofar as they affect their own company affairs. They, too, were agreed in principle before they started.

## Grim Dien Bien Phu Defenders Await Final Battle NO CHANCE OF ESCAPE

At this very moment, about 12,000 to 15,000 of some of the finest troops that the French army has ever had, including picked units of all the crack regiments now in Indo-China, are about to wage in the beleaguered fortress of Dien Bien Phu a final desperate and savage battle against overwhelming odds.

Paratroopers of the French colonial infantry, tough Foreign Legionnaires, North African riflemen, and Vietnamese paratroopers are the actors in this dramatic finale of seven years of war in Indo-China, which is going to be fought with every variety of weapon, including knives and bayonets, on a few square miles of bomb scarred ground.

Facing the handful of these grim diehards are some four Vietminh divisions, fully equipped with modern weapons, ranging from 105 millimetre guns, and possibly 155 millimetre guns, to mortars of all calibres, and radar guided anti-aircraft artillery. Moreover, the ideological fanaticism of these troops, who have now cut off all ways of escape of the French garrison, has probably never been equalled in any other army of the world.

For the time being, the men of General Christian de Castries, to whom a pilot recently parachuted his newly gained Brigadier's stars are still being supplied in arms and ammunition thanks to the pre-emptive dropping carried out in almost hopeless conditions. Hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of wounded soldiers are suffering in makeshift first aid posts, and field hospitals, buried in the marshy ground of the dust bowl.

Every time a shell explodes, the walls shake and tremble, and each day, the defences perimeter dwindle a little further, as the Vietnamese "mibble" their way through the defences. Dien Bien Phu has no doubt fully played its part, as 15,000, or perhaps even 20,000 Vietnamese soldiers have pushed on those miles of barbed wires. Wave after wave of Vietnamese soldiers were literally mowed

to pieces, who said "Just look at me, I am exhausted, I have accomplished 17 flying hours today. If I don't get some sleep now, I am sure to crash from sheer exhaustion."

A few months ago, an air force brass hat came from Paris, and told him it was impossible to send more crews and planes to Indo-China. So we are doing three or four, and even 10 extra shifts a day. Do not forget that there are several smaller Dien Bien Phu elsewhere in Indo-China, which are seldom mentioned, but which must also be kept supplied".

The correspondent asked him whether he thought that mass intervention by the air force could save the situation at Dien Bien Phu, and he said that 100 fresh planes might turn the tables. He added regretfully, however, that this was out of the question "so we have to continue as we are".

Later, the correspondent asked a general what could be done for the Dien Bien Phu garrison. He produced a map which showed that the whole area of the Red River delta was practically occupied by the Vietnamese. "My God, man," he said bitterly, "are nearly all encircled within Annam, Laos, or Dien Bien Phu, and those I have left are far too busy keeping open the Hanoi-Haiphong highway to be used elsewhere".—France-Press.

### VIOLENT FIGHTING

Hanoi, Apr. 22. Communist battalions surged forward today in a violent all-day battle to chew off and swallow another French position, guarding the shrinking defences of Dien Bien Phu.

The fresh flare-up possibly foreshadowed the long-awaited Vietnam "Geneva offensive". Meanwhile, French troops in the Red River delta claimed the Reds were using flesh-ripping dum-dum bullets in violation of the rules of war embodied in various international conventions.

The outcome of the new skirmishes in the rain-soaked mud and muck around the French-held position on the Northwest edge of the isolated

French Regain Outpost

Hanoi, Apr. 23. French Union defenders of Dien Bien Phu smashed through Communist trenches today and re-established contact with an isolated outpost northwest of the besieged fortress, the French High Command announced.

The strategic outpost had been cut off from the main fortress for two days, according to the announcement, and Communist pressure on the outpost had been "increasing hourly".

Reports yesterday said the French had sown the clouds over Indo-China with dry ice to try to produce torrential rains and a blizzard in an effort to flood Communist supply lines.—United Press.

down in the course of furious day and night attacks, which started more than five weeks ago, but the cost will be heavy if nothing is done to save the French Union garrison from their doom.

The colonel of a paratroop unit, to whom the Agence France-Press correspondent was speaking, recently begged the correspondent to try to explain the situation in Paris, that there was practically no chance of pulling out the garrison from the situation it had been placed in.

The colonel said to the Agence France-Press correspondent "Friends and foes alike are all in the dust bowl now, and in any case, the nearest French post is about six or eight days' forced march away from Dien Bien Phu, with the Vietnamese troops all around, and everywhere".

"What about the air forces?", the correspondent asked the colonel.

"The best proof that we have aircraft", he replied, "is that the Vietnamese are shooting some down every day. I understand the Americans are sending us some more right now, but then, there is the problem of the crew".

This was later confirmed to the correspondent by an air

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Mr Kisilin was travelling on the same plane. Mr Leydin said Mrs Petrov was under great emotional stress and could not make up her mind whether to go, or to accept asylum in Australia as her diplomat husband, Mr Vladimir Petrov,

had done.

Soviet Diplomat Was Also Offered Political Asylum

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After she had spoken to Mr Petrov by telephone, all she could say was: "My husband, my husband."

Mr Leydin said to her: "Goodbye, good luck. I can do no more".

He walked away but turned back and asked if he could talk with her again. Then she said she wished to stay.—Reuter.

## VYSHINSKY GOING ON LEAVE

New York, Apr. 22. Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet delegate to the United Nations, told Reuter today that he was going home to the Soviet Union on May 5 "on leave", and hoped to return to his post in New York in about six weeks.

Mr Vyshinsky was asked if he might possibly be joining the Soviet delegation at the Geneva conference opening next Monday.

"No, not at all," he said. Mr Vyshinsky, now in his 71st year, has been suffering for the past few weeks from laryngitis.

He seemed tired and drawn and his replies to questions put through an interpreter were husky.—Reuter.

## Chinese To Make Big Trade Offer Report

London, Apr. 22.

Communist China will make a sensational trade offer to Britain within the next few days, it was learned from reliable sources here in close touch with Chinese trade organisations.

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The Chinese offer may well coincide with the opening of the conference on Asian affairs in Geneva at the beginning of next week. It will be made to a group of 40 British businessmen specially invited by the East Berlin agency of the Chinese Foreign Trade Corporation. Some of the businessmen left today for East Berlin; the remainder will soon follow.

Some of these businessmen were to go on to East Berlin last month. The journey was suddenly cancelled by a cable from the Chinese agency while several of them were already at the London airport.

General Reber said his brother retired as he was entitled to by law, when he reached the age of 60.

I know nothing about any security case involving him," he added.

General Reber said there was no bias whatsoever in his past actions to Schine or in his present testimony.

The next witness was Mr T. Stevens, grey-haired, bespectacled Secretary of the Army. He read a statement saying he was subjected to "persistent tireless effort" by Senator McCarthy and his assistants to burrow into the files of the Senate.

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"I said it would be impossible to excuse Schine from basic training," Mr Stevens said.

Mr Stevens said that Mr McCarthy broke into Mr Schine's reading of his prepared text and, making a point of order, protested that Mr Schine was trying to "speak for the Army".

Mr Stevens said that from the stand before Mr Stevens finished reading his statement, Mr Ray Jenkins, lawyer for the Sub-committee, explained that it was desired to call Mr Smith now because he might be called to give evidence for foreign country," perhaps tomorrow.

Mr Smith said under questioning that Mr Cohn had come to him on behalf of Mr Schine.

He approached him both on behalf of the Committee and as a friend of the young man who was seeking a commission.

Mr Jenkins asked Mr Smith if he got the impression Cohn was trying to high pressure anyone.

"Not me, Sir," Mr Smith replied.

Mr Smith testified that Mr Cohn had asked about obtaining a commission for Mr Schine through the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). He replied that Mr Cohn might telephone Mr Allen Dulles, head of the Agency, about this.

Mr Cohn's reply, Mr Smith said, was that the Agency was "too juicy subject" for future investigations—that it "would not be 'right' to place Mr Schine in the CIA and then investigate it".

Under questioning Mr Smith said he did not regard Mr Cohn having been in touch with him about Schine as improper.

Mr Smith was in the witness chair only 22 minutes. Mr Stevens then resumed reading his statement.

65 PHONE CALLS

Mr Stevens said efforts by Senator McCarthy and his assistants to obtain privileges for Mr Schine included more than 65 telephone calls and 19 meetings. Mr Stevens said that he was informed that requests on Mr Schine's behalf ran all

## McCARTHY-ARMY WRANGLE Allegations Made Before Investigators

Washington, Apr. 22.

Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin) undertook to develop what he termed the "motivation" for the testimony of Major-General Miles Reber when the Senate Investigations Subcommittee opened its afternoon hearings into the dispute between Senator McCarthy and the Army Department today.

As the first witness in the morning, General Reber had told the Subcommittee that Senator McCarthy and Mr Roy Cohn, his chief counsel, had repeatedly pressed him for an officer's commission for Mr G. David Schine. General Reber was then the Army's liaison officer with Congress. He is now Commanding General of United States Army forces in Western Europe.

Senator McCarthy suggested that Mr Sam Reber, a career diplomat and brother of the General, had left the State Department under a cloud.

Senator McCarthy asked whether the General was aware of the fact that Mr Reber was allowed to resign when charges were made against him that he was a bad security risk.

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Mr Stevens said that Mr McCarthy was interested in personal publicity and was becoming a pest," Mr Stevens said. "The Senator hoped that Schine would be drafted—and that nothing would occur to stop the draft procedure. He asked particularly that Cohn not be made aware of his attitude toward Schine.—Reuter.

## Ship's Mooring Rope Cut

Melbourne, Apr. 23. The master of the Japanese ship, Osaka Maru, Capt. H. Katsuka, said he saw two men and a woman vanish in the darkness soon after the ship's mooring rope was cut at Cunningham pier, Geelong, last night, the Melbourne Sun reported today.

The 6,600-ton Osaka Maru left later for Kobe with bagged barley. When the rope mooring the ship to the pier was cut, she started to drift close to the shallow water and rocks below the shore wall, the paper said. A quartermaster gave the alarm and some of her 56 crew members leaped to the pier and made a new rope fast to a bollard, stopping the vessel's drift.—China Mail Special.

## Alleged "Pirating" Of Designs

Manchester, Apr. 22. The Manchester Chamber of Commerce today asked more than 1,000 textile firms in this area to supply detailed information of Japanese "piracy" of Lancashire designs.

The evidence, including actual cutting of Lancashire designs and alleged Japanese copies, will be sent to the Government.

In a letter asking firms for evidence, the Chamber said it had agreed with the Cotton Board and the British Rayon and Synthetic Fibres Federation on concerted action for dealing with alleged commercial malpractices by Japanese traders.

The bodies had met at the suggestion of Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade.

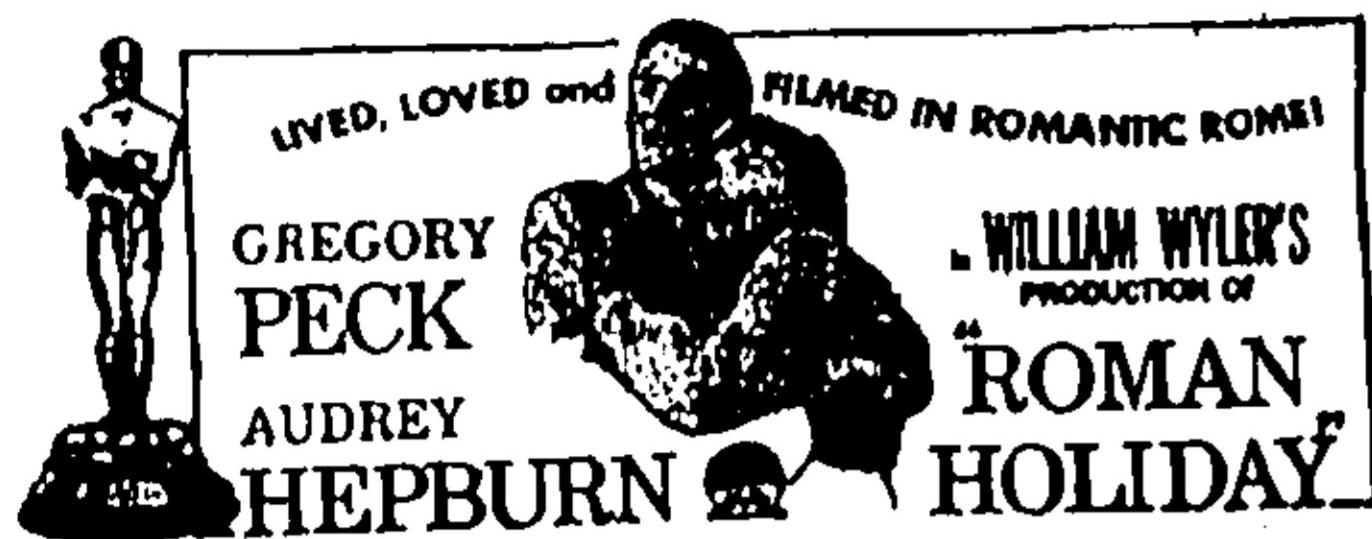
A spokesman of the Chamber said that since the signing of the recent Anglo-Japanese payments agreement provided Japan with wider opportunities for exporting textiles to sterling areas, there had been a resurgence of complaints by Lancashire firms alleging piracy of their designs.

The three organisations also intended to inquire into other forms of commercial malpractices by Japanese including pricing methods and the dumping of goods, he said.—Reuter.

## Big War Claims Award

Washington, Apr. 22. The War Claims Commission has awarded El Colegio De San Jose, a Philippines Jesuit institution

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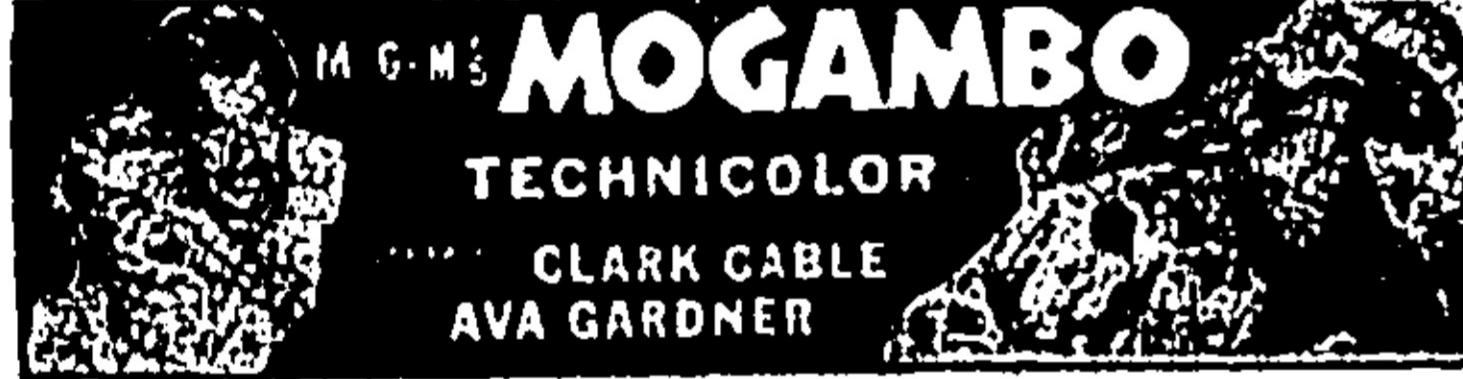
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HUGE LOSS IN SOVIET INDUSTRY  
Minister Criticises Output Of Shoddy Goods

London, Apr. 22. Moscow Radio today revealed that the Soviet Finance Minister, Mr Arseni Zverev had severely criticised a number of industries for the huge array of shoddy goods (£285,500,000 worth) it had turned out during 1953.

This was, he said, a direct loss of output, and a direct financial loss to the state.

Observers in London pointed out that Russia's factories and stores have the right to reject ordered goods which they consider to be faulty.

The two Chambers of the Soviet Legislature met again separately today to discuss the budget.

Moscow Radio reported that the Soviet Prime Minister, Mr Georgi Malenkov, attended a meeting of the Council of the Union, which approved with some amendments Mr Zverev's budget proposal.

Other Soviet leaders present included the Foreign Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov, Mr Nikita Krushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, Marshal Kliment Voroshilov, the Soviet head of State, and Mr Lazar Kaganovich, a first Deputy Prime Minister.

Moscow Radio said the Soviet of Industry was run by too many officials and that there are too many departments resulting in too heavy overhead expenses.—Reuter.

## Mr Dean Leaves For Sth Korea

Washington, Apr. 22. Mr Arthur Dean, formerly head of the American delegation to the preliminary talks at Panmunjom, left New York by plane today for Seoul, where he will have talks with South Korean President Syngman Rhee.

He said that in the coal industry, more than half the pits last year failed to fulfil their "labour productivity tasks."

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Certain pits, trusts and combines had not even reached the pre-war level of production, he said.

The haulage of timber per worker in 1953 was four per cent lower than in 1940, Russia's last pre-war year, despite increased mechanisation, he said.

The Finance Minister said that failure to achieve production targets was normally accompanied by failure to reduce costs and build up reserves.

The biggest shortcomings were in the Ministries of the Timber and Paper Industry, of Construction Materials and of the Food Ministry.

Further complaints about ministerial deficiencies were voiced by Mr Arseni Safronov, Chairman of the Budget Commission of the Council of Nationalities.

## MUST DO BETTER

In the debate which followed Mr Zverev's report, he named three ministers who he said would have to do better in future.

He said the Minister of Sea and River Navigation, Mr Zosim Shashkov, was responsible for the "uneconomic administration of water transport so that some ship accounts showed a deficit at the end of the year."

The Minister of the Coal Industry, Mr Alexander Zasyrdin, and Minister of Farms, Mr Alexei Kozlov, were told they must speed up the development

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## Magsaysay Orders Meeting On Reparations Deadlock

Manila, Apr. 22.

President Ramon Magsaysay today called Philippines Congress leaders to a meeting at Malacanan Palace for a top-level conference on the Japanese reparations deadlock.

Divergent views on reparations negotiations, held by Philippine and Japanese negotiators were disclosed yesterday with the release of notes exchanged between the Acting Foreign Secretary, Mr Leon Guerrero and the Japanese reparations ambassador, Mr Shozo Murata.

Mr Guerrero said in a note he understood that the memorandum signed by the Philippines Foreign Secretary, Carlos P. Garcia, and Japanese Minister Katsunori Ohno on April 16 for \$400,000,000 Japanese reparations constituted "merely the starting point for formal negotiation of a reparations agreement."

The Senators rejected the Garcia-Ohno memorandum at a meeting in Malacanan Palace on Wednesday, it was reported today.

They said if Mr Murata was unable to discuss other basis for reparations payments, the Japanese delegation had "better pack up and go home."

Senate leaders Claro Recto and Lorenzo Tanduay said they viewed with misgivings the Tokyo report that the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Okuzaki, would not increase the \$400,000,000 reparations offer.

Senator Recto said this amount was unsatisfactory and reiterated the Senate policy of "No reparations, no peace treaty discussions are now demanding reparation."—Reuter.

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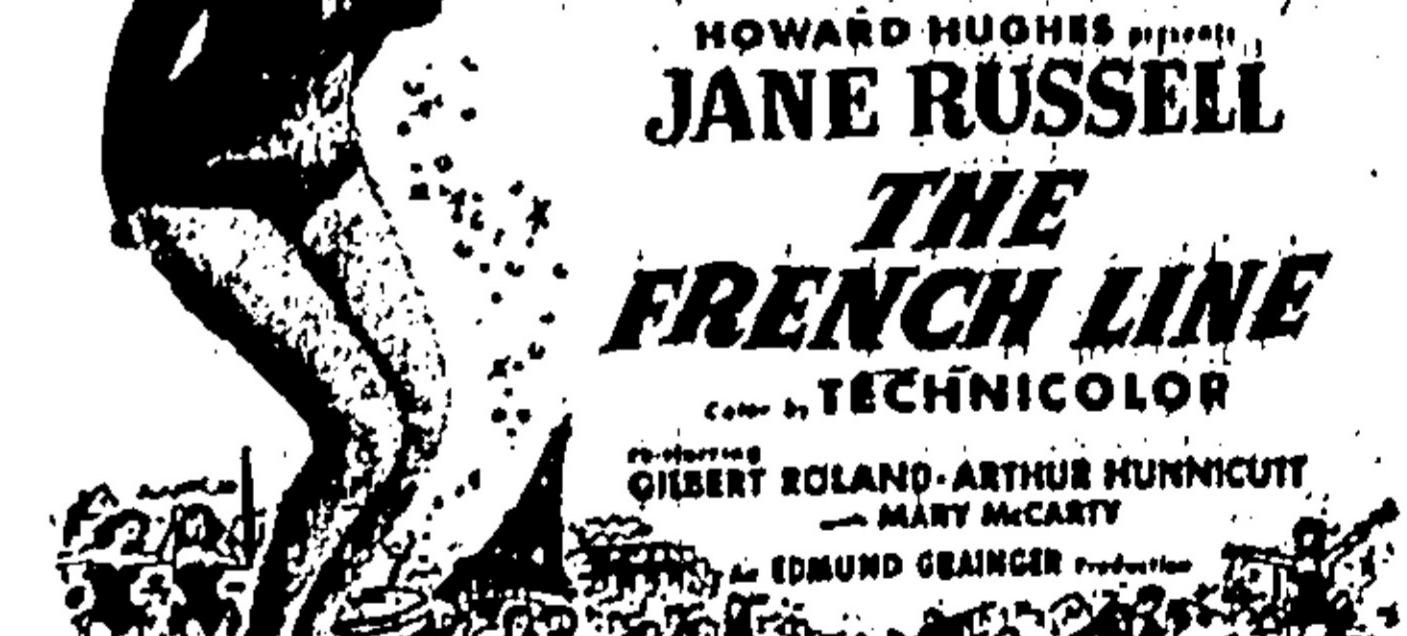
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## Attlee (the Enigma) sums up Attlee (the Romantic)

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THE Sphinx has spoken, the Enigma has explained. In fact, Mr Clement Attlee has told his life story in autobiographical form.

Despite a genius for understatement, Mr Attlee cannot completely suppress the romanticism of his remarkable career. That he should follow a triumphant Caesar in 1945, and later find himself threatened from within by a burly Cassius from Wales, would inflame any normal man's sense of drama.

But Mr Attlee, as a self-revelationist, is positively sub-normal.

He learned practical democracy as the fourth son and the seventh child in a family of eight. There were many cousins as well, and it is interesting to note a strong tendency for the girls to become missionaries and the boys to take to the law. It might be said that Clement Attlee had yearnings in both directions.

But at Oxford he was "far too shy to speak in the Union debates." Over and over again in this modest book one finds the confession: "I was painfully shy." Even when he writes of Oxford he almost hides his real affection for it in the prim reticence of his language.

**Loved Poetry**

Yet, surprisingly, he loved poetry. Perhaps in the volubility of poetry he found release from his self-imposed restraint. Even when he took up the law he says no more than this: "I went into chambers in which Sir T. F. Dickens, son of the novelist, was the KC."

Did they ever discuss the great Dickens? Perhaps. Perhaps not. Colonel Bramble's silences are nothing compared to those of Mr Attlee.

In 1921 an event of supreme importance took place. He went on a European tour with a friend who brought along his sister. Attlee fell in love and married her. She must have been a young woman of great beauty then, for even today she possesses both loveliness and charm.

In fact, she is a perfect wife, for even in the fiercest debates at Westminster she leans over

"As It Happened," published by Heinemann, £6.

### True Love

So that was that. At any rate it proves that true love can exist even in a cold climate—or perhaps especially in a cold climate.

This was in 1921, but already Clement Attlee had proved himself a man of courage and integrity.

In spite of the discouragement of the recruiting sergeants he joined the Army in 1914 war and fought at Gallipoli. Looking back on that Churchillian venture which might have altered the whole course of the war in our favour, Mr Attlee blames the War Office.

"Elderly and hide-bound generals," he writes, "were not the men to push through an adventure of this kind." And then he allows his mind to linger on the friendship of arms. But he dare not trust himself, so he borrows a poet's phrase: "I feel the stir of fellowship in all disastrous fight."

### Fine Record

Badly wounded . . . home to Blighty . . . a fine record behind him as the youngest mayor of Stepney . . . a man of character. But, who would say that he was a man of destiny?

The first Socialist Government is in office, and the financial clouds are darkening ominously. "There was no chance," writes

He does not state this in his book, but as one who hopes that Clement Attlee will break his neck in the next General Election Steeplechase, I write these words of tribute for him:

Not for the first time in political history we see the power of modesty and the indestructibility of character. They will always triumph over errors of judgment. Or nearly always.

# WHO LIFTED THE SAFETY CATCH?

BY CHARLES WINTOUR

THESE are three big veto on the use by America of that the veto was "abrogated" in 1946, though other parts of the Quebec agreement were continued in a modified form.

So the question to be resolved is this:—

"WHO LIFTED THE SAFETY CATCH?"

And here the confusion is greater, and nowhere is it greater than in the mind of Mr Attlee.

Let us look at the facts. After the war the Americans did not wish to share their atom secrets with Britain. Equally Mr Attlee did not share his own A-secrets with his colleagues.

For the revelations made by Churchill about the secret agreements fell on the Socialists as a most disagreeable surprise.

Even senior ex-Ministers in Mr Attlee's Cabinet did not know what Mr Attlee was doing. The New Statesmen has said that "The New Statesmen has said that, judging by the comment of ex-Ministers after last Monday's debate, it is doubtful whether even the Defence Committee was informed of the terms of the new [Attlee] agreement."

Certainly Mr Strachey, a former War Minister, speaking after Churchill, gave such a shaky exposition of the situation that it seems unlikely he knew anything about either the Quebec agreement or the subsequent changes.

So most of the Socialists had no conception of the strong position that Churchill had won for Britain in his wartime discussions with the American President.

They did not realise that under Clause II of the agreement Britain and America had agreed not to use the bomb against third parties without each other's consent.

### MISLED?

THEY did not know that America had agreed to "full and effective interchange of information and ideas."

And they were never informed of the modifications to that agreement made by Mr Attlee.

Contrast this secrecy maintained by the Socialist leader in time of peace with Churchill's conduct in war.

Mr Morrison told the Commons that "of course we were aware of it [the Quebec agreement], those of us who were entitled to know."

Now, presumably after inspecting the files, Mr Morrison says he was in error and that the War Cabinet was never informed about the agreement, either before or afterwards.

What happened then? There is no ambiguity in the Vandenberg Papers. In January 1949 agreement was reached with Britain and Canada in Washington to remove the restriction on the use of the bomb."

But reviewing the known facts he appears to have been secretive in action; tortuous in diplomacy; muddled in explanation; and contradictory in conduct.

And now Mr Truman has clinched the matter by saying

### POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"I never thought the day would come when I would look to the Budget for light, escapist reading!"

### INDEBTED

I BELIEVE it is right that the problem of the hydrogen bomb should be discussed soberly and dispassionately. But it is also right that it should be discussed with the fullest possible knowledge of events leading up to the current position.

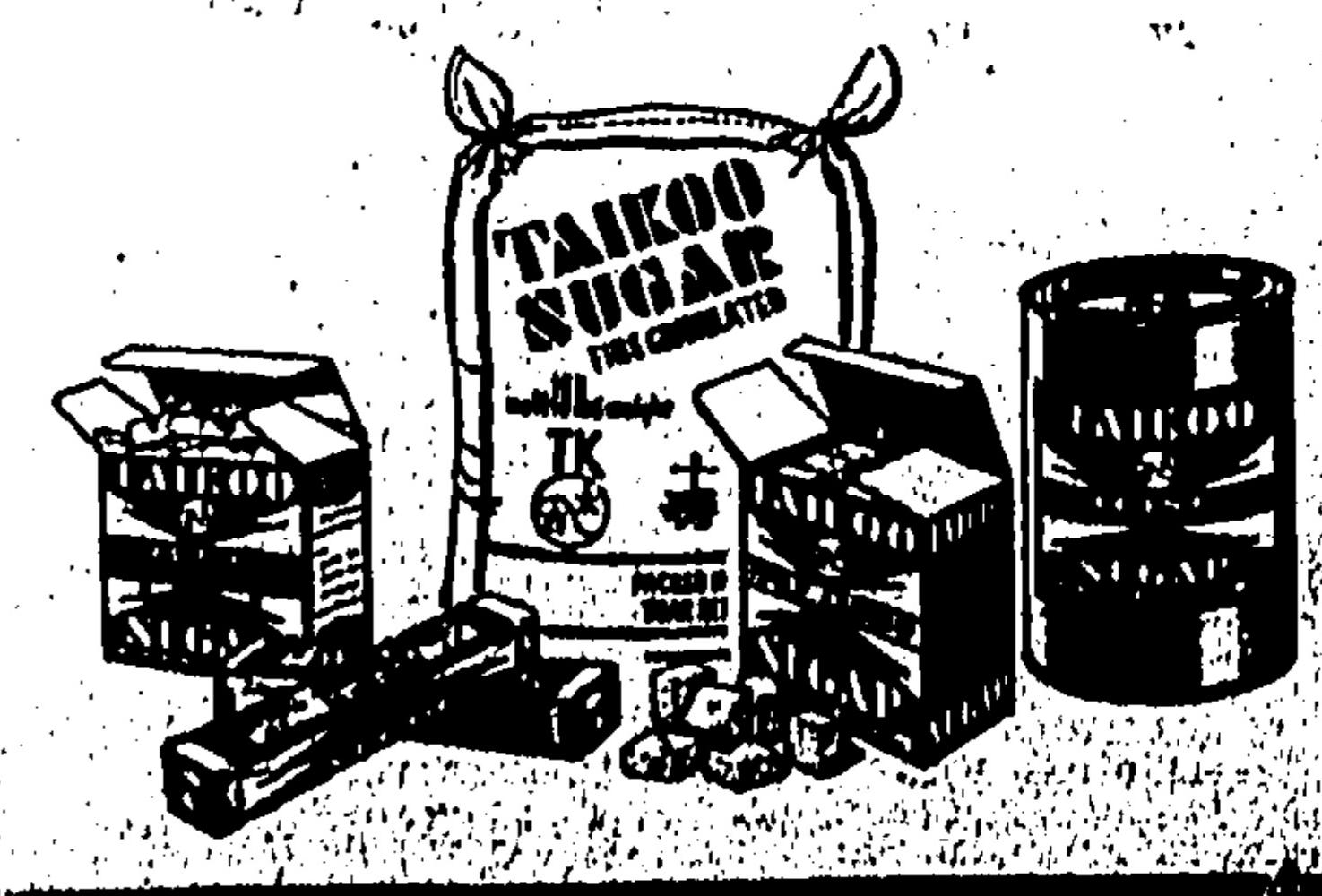
The British people are therefore indebted to Churchill for his revelations. And they must hope that he will now obtain the necessary American agreement to publish the 1948 agreement which Mr Attlee has kept so secret for so long.

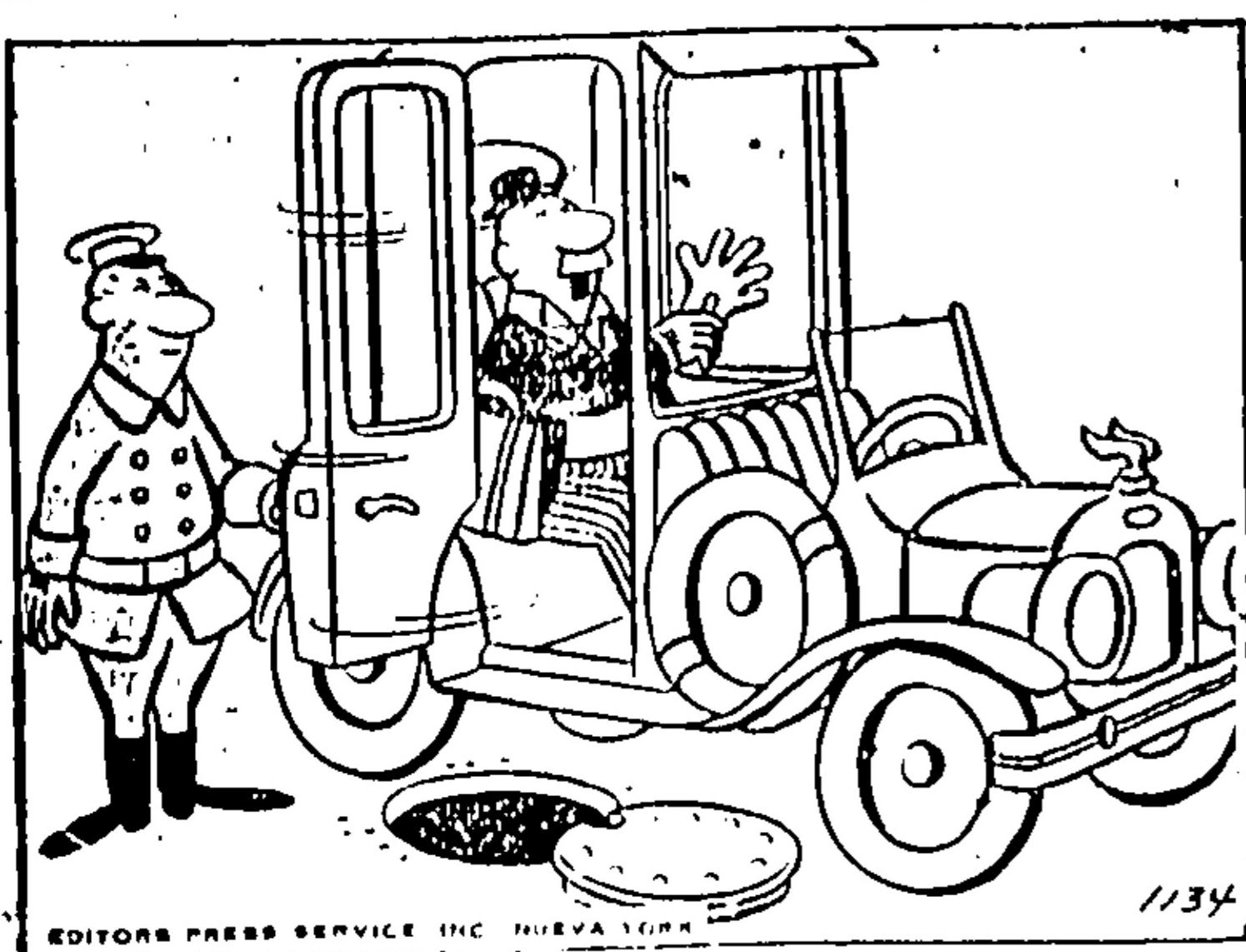
Mr Attlee's conduct in this vital matter may yet be explained satisfactorily.

He emerges from the H-bomb debate with diminished standing.

# TAIKOO SUGAR

## HALF CUBES GRANULATED ICING CASTER





"No, Hawkins, I will not raise your salary and that's final."

## • BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

**F**ROM the porridge-quarters of the Seychelles comes Little Smoother, a 3-in-high figure made of cast iron. "I take him everywhere," said corny, chunky, amazy Mrs Colhurst (remember?).

Mrs Colhurst, who is the wife of Adam Colhurst, chairman of the Seychelles Police Force, has come to England to buy fruit and mushrooms. The little figure she carries in her bag is called "Smoother" after a die. "Me, I'd rather get taken a jump at myself," he said. Colhurst, this morning, has his own luggage, consisting of a tiny rubber bat in a steel harness. He is a tight. Mrs Colhurst, whimsically hitting the iron head with a glove-stretcher.

### A democratic decision

MY suggestion that the unglamorous should appeal to the crowd for a decision in cricket matches has been accepted as impeccable. Very well. Why not? An amateur cricket watcher can elect a committee with powers to negotiate an arbitration after each appeal? The committee would then decide the matter and tell them what decision he was to give. It is absurd that an umpire who

### Haut Cuisine (ma foil)

"HOW does one get a job as a chef in a big restaurant?" This query in a paper leads one to draw attention to the fact that there is a Training Centre, Young Chef, 39, which was announced in a catalogue of the British Council. It is intended to represent long grass, but not an elephant and other animal." If the elephant is represented, it probably hidden in the jungle grass like the steamroller in Balzani's "Sealions." But if no elephant was intended, what was it? The man who does the best thought was an elephant. After all, an artist, presumably, either paints in an elephant or doesn't paint in an elephant—longing our bridle against those "philosophies" is there something in the picture when is in the state of becoming an elephant?

### Prints from Head to Foot

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

### Counting on Luck Will Cause Trouble

By OSWALD JACOBY

EXPERIENCED card players often become superstitious, which they know how large a part luck plays in the distribution of the cards. My own feeling is that it's unlucky to be superstitious. What's more, if you're thoughtful enough you can take out insurance against bad luck.

In today's hand, for example, every suit except spades broke badly. This was unlucky, to be sure, but South could have provided against the bad breaks.

When the hand was actually played, West opened the king of diamonds and continued the suit. South ruffed the second diamond, led a heart to dummy's ace, and returned a club towards his own hand.

There was no reason for this play since the double of two clubs foiled the ace of diamonds, which was announced in a catalogue of the British Council. It is intended to represent long grass, but not an elephant and other animal." If the elephant is represented, it probably hidden in the jungle grass like the steamroller in Balzani's "Sealions." But if no elephant was intended, what was it? The man who does the best thought was an elephant. After all, an artist, presumably, either paints in an elephant or doesn't paint in an elephant—longing our bridle against those "philosophies" is there something in the picture when is in the state of becoming an elephant?

South now made the fatal mistake of leading the queen of clubs. East ruffed and led a high heart, forcing South to ruff for a third time.

There was now no chance of bringing in the club suit. The only play left was a cross-ruff, but South couldn't ruff safely with dummy's low trump for fear of an over-ruff.

### Print hats, sometimes with gloves to match

A toupee of spotted tie-silk; a turban printed with roses; a summer beret printed with pale grey leaves on white.

## WOMANSENSE

### SMART ACCESSORIES FOR SPRING AND SUMMER

## Prints from Head to Foot

By ANNE SCOTT-JAMES

PRINTS are the prettiest of this year's spring and summer fashions—for the right occasion, person, time, and place.

I love them for formal clothes—the delicious flower prints (especially roses of every species) that bloom on afternoon and dinner dresses; that make linings to summer coats.

I love them on cottons for the country and the beach.

I love them used the newest way of all, for extras and accessories.

I've seen . . .

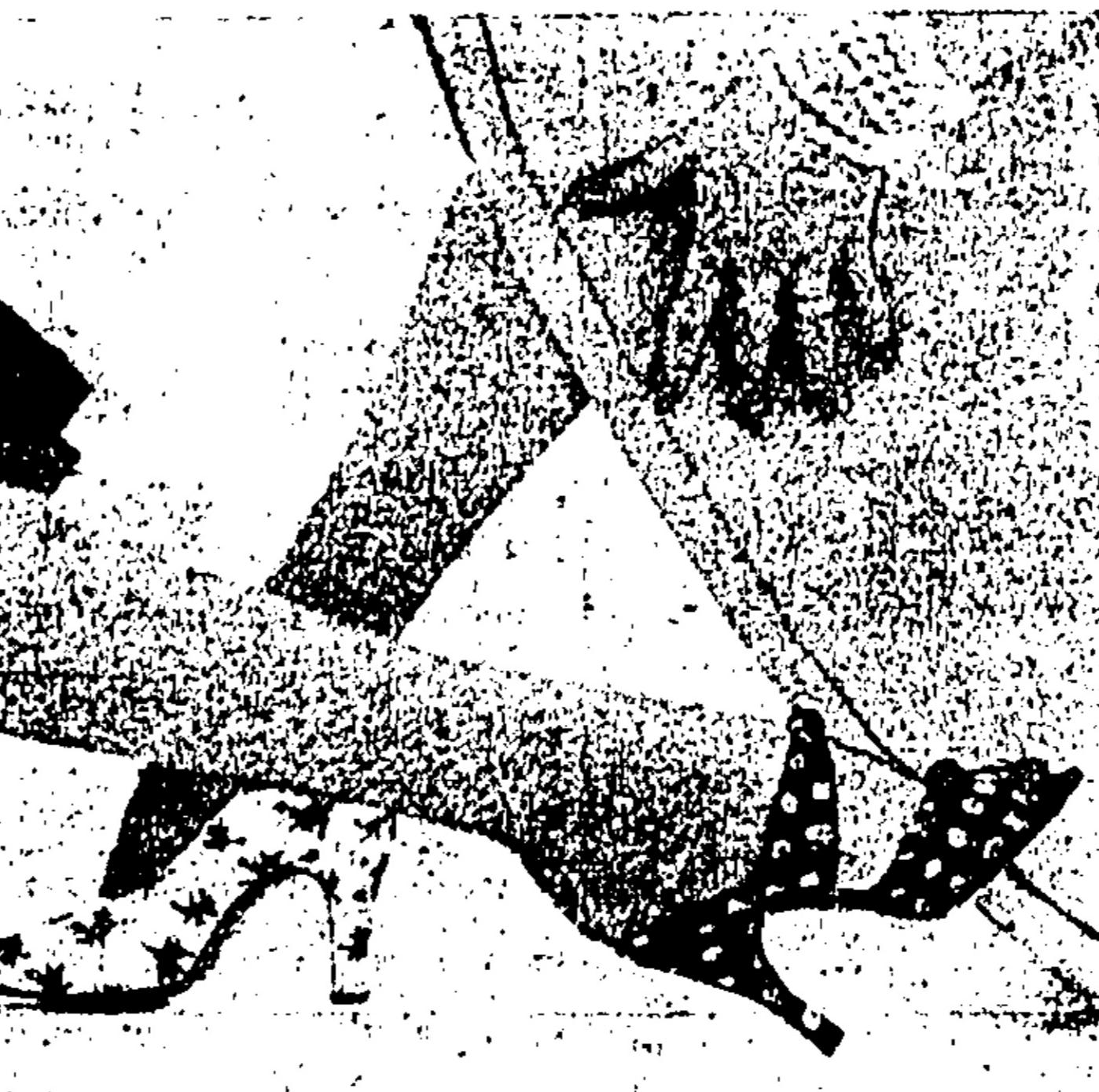
. . . Print shoes, to which I'd give my Oscar for summer accessories. I've seen both pumps and sandals which look unbelievably airy and light.

. . . Print shirts in tie-silk in small, neat patterns. How about a red-and-white one with a navy blue suit?

. . . Print hats, sometimes with gloves to match. A toupee of spotted tie-silk; a turban printed with roses; a summer beret printed with pale grey leaves on white.



My ideal choice for summer at home.



Two print shoes to wear with plain-repeat plain—summer dress. The light-as-air sandal is in Ascher's famous rose-printed silk; from Rayne. The court shoe is in white pique with pink moss roses; from Delman.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

BORN today, you have exceptional ability which you must develop to the best advantage early in life. Your keen sense of humour, your feeling for beauty, your good and your sense of the dramatic should be combined to give you an active and successful literary career.

You have a talent for music, as well, and will never want for the comforts of life. You are a true romantic, but you are also in the field of action or ideas. You are not one to bow to the oft-trodden path, but will strike out for yourself in new and exciting directions.

You are sympathetic and understanding when it comes to dealing with people and you manage to get

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20) Take time for complete relaxation. It won't do any good to try and work all of the time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Make a definite and sustained effort to get exactly what you want out of life every day. You can.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Appearance may not tell the whole story, but make of the facts before you take any decisive action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—If you are handling mechanical appliances, be more than usually careful to avoid any possible accident.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Try to take a look at the other fellow's point of view once in a while. Sympathetic understanding is necessary.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Even if your garden is only a city window box, you can have fun today! Watch your growing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A will to win and the determination to get exactly what you want pays high dividends.

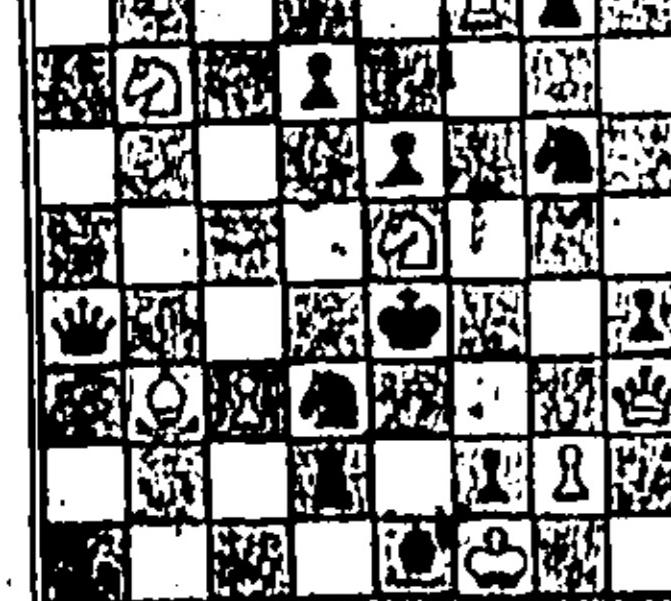
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You should do well to utilize this for outdoor recreation. Get some good relaxation from work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Make good use of any spare time.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By C. GOLDSCHMIDEN

Black, 11 pieces.



White 8 pieces.  
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

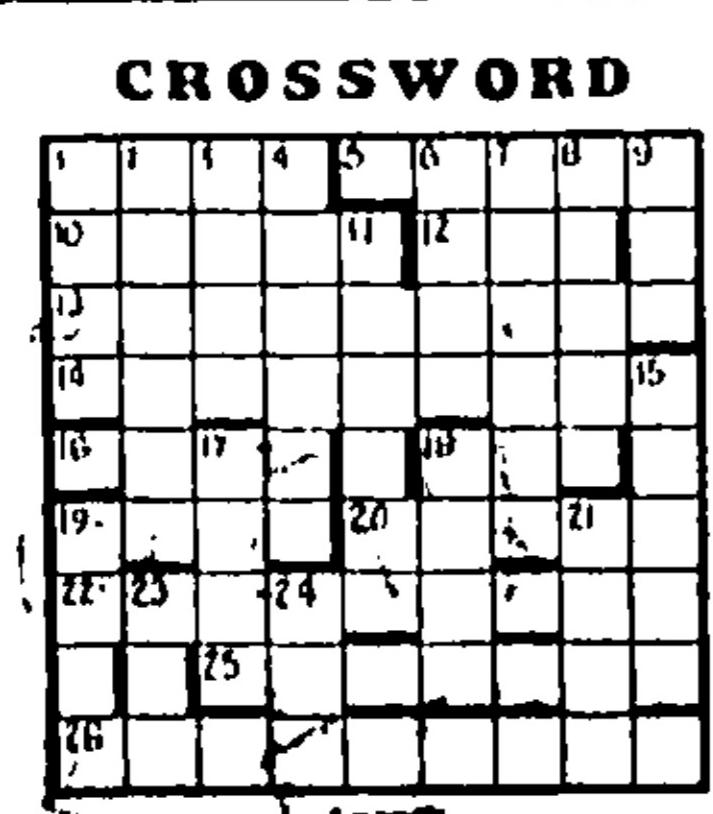
1. R-Q6; threat 2, R×Kt (ch). 1 . . . R-L3; 2, R-B5 (ch). 1 . . . R-L3; 2, P-Q4 (ch). 1 . . . Kt×Kt; 2, Q-R1 (ch). 1 . . . Kt-Q3; 3, R-Q5 (ch). 1 . . . K-B3, PxR, 2, R-Kt2 (ch).

## WHAT'S HIS LINE?

The letters on this visiting card—

IRVING D. GREEN  
—If correctly rearranged, will spell the owner's occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)



1. Florence was a lady with one. (4)

2. You're all right if you are on the road to recovery. (6)

3. Drug not on the market. (6)

4. Large snap—but it's a snake. (6)

5. Do-it-yourself people put this on in buckets. (6)

6. Dark green horse? (4)

7. Married. (3)

8. Not much money. (4)

9. Worries of England. (4)

10. Colour worn on Christmas Day? (6)

11. Ornate, colourful decorations. (7)

12. The laundry, when it returns? (9)

13. This star guides you. (4)

14. Al is split by the plow chartered account. (6)

15. He died the most at golf. (6)

16. Battering ones used to be used often in war. (6)

17. His rapidly served one of the Gentlemen of Verona. (6)

18. It's blinding on the road. (6)

19. Not a morning to do with others. (6)

20. Sideways used to be called these tracks. (6)

21. Often linked with means in committee. (4)

22. You'll find it on the can. (6)

23. Slipping part of the room. (6)

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# THEY WILL ALL BE ROOTING FOR TOM FINNEY ON CUP FINAL DAY AT WEMBLEY

Says ARCHIE QUICK

Will Tom Finney set the seal on his great career by winning a Cup Final medal at Wembley on May 1? That is where the sympathies will lie on the greatest Soccer day of the year, the day when a mere game becomes a festival piece for nearly 100,000 people in the huge stadium and thousands more who sit in front of their radio and television sets.

A year ago we were all rooting for Stanley Matthews to complete his set of honours, and this he duly did mostly by his own wonderful wizardry. Now it is the turn of the one man who can rival Matthews as the outstanding player of his generation—the Preston Plumber.

My personal opinion is that trainer Jimmy Milne was North End's best half there against Sunderland in 1937. And a coincidence is that at that time the other trainer, Arthur Fifton of Albion, was a Preston player! It is a profound thought too that Sunderland's outside-left, Eddie Burkhams, is still active with Hull City.

NOT SINCE 1888

It was in April, 1888, that West Bromwich and Preston had their only previous meeting in a Cup Final, and in that match at Kennington Oval, Albion triumphed by two goals to one. It was Albion, third successive Final, but in the two previous years they had been beaten, first by Blackburn Rovers and then by Villa.

NOT SINCE 1888

It was Preston, then, to win the following year, over Wolves, and after a lapse of two years West Bromwich beat Villa in a Midland Final by 3-0 in the last match played at the Oval. The same two sides contested the first Final at Crystal Palace in 1899, but this time Villa were the victors.

Since then both Albion and Preston have each won once and lost two Final. So far as Wembley is concerned, West Bromwich beat Birmingham there and lost to Sheffield Wednesday and North End lost to Huddersfield and beat Sunderland in successive seasons.

It is a matter of interest that West Bromwich will now equal the nine record Final appearances of Newcastle, the same as they equaled the 14 semi-final appearances of Villa and Blackburn.

When the two official parties arrive at Wembley on May 1 only two of them will have had previous playing experience in the huge bowl. Albion director Tony Gildersleeve was their right-winger against Wednesday in 1935 and North End lost at Sunderland, but that was hurt at Sunderland, but that is all.

NOTICE

SPARE A THOUGHT FOR HEALTH. He lies in a Durham Hospital completely paralysed as the result of a spinal injury, and not only will he most certainly miss Wembley but I am told that he will never again kick a football.

Mr Arthur Luty, of Leeds, will referee the tie, and it is a curiosity that although he has been honoured with this important match he has not been included among the officials to

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By Order of the Stewards,  
H. M. S. Secretary.

## Sausages Led To A Gaol Term For Ex-Champion

Berlin, Apr. 21.

Franz Diener, 53, German heavyweight boxing champion in 1926 and 1927, has fled to West Berlin from his East German home at Elbira, Thuringia, Berlin refugee officials said today.

He lost his title to Max Schmeling, later world champion.

Diener, who owned a sausage factory, told refugee officials he had been sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment in 1952 for "economic sabotage" because he produced more sausages than planned for his factory and had offered the surplus as a prize for an amateur boxing contest.

Diener said he was released after one year because Schmeling had asked the East German President, Wilhelm Pieck, to show clemency.—Reuters.

## Savitt Ousts Davidsson From U.S. Tourney

Houston, Apr. 21.

Tony Trabert of Cincinnati warmed up belatedly and finally survived to lead the procession of ranked stars into the quarter-finals of the River Oaks Invitational tennis tournament.

A mild upset sparked today's round with Dick Savitt, a former Wimbledon champion who has been idle for two years, defeating Sven Davidson of Stockholm, Sweden.

Davidson was the tournament's top-ranking foreign star and is the national indoor champion as well as Sweden's No. 1 player. He bowed to Savitt now in the oil business in Houston, 11-9, 8-6.—United Press.

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## ARSENAL v. LIVERPOOL



Dickson (Arsenal centre-half), Willis (Arsenal right-back), Liddell (Liverpool outside-left) and Kelsay (Arsenal goalie) during an attack on the Arsenal goal. Arsenal won the match 3-0.

## THREE FOREIGN BOXERS IMPRESS U.S. CRITICS

New York, Apr. 22.

America has not been impressed by any European boxer since Max Schmeling of Germany, nor by any South American since Luis Angel Firpo of Argentina, but in the past few weeks Bubi Scholz of Germany, Paoli Rossi of Italy and Eduardo Lausse of Argentina all have won sincere praise. Scholz and Lausse are middleweights; Rossi is a lightweight.

Scholz beat Al Andrews in Madison Square Garden on March 26 and most writers liked him. "Bubi is a good fighter who will do better," said Jesse Abramson of the Herald-Tribune; "Bubi has a solid punch and is skilful in picking off and blocking punches," wrote Caswell Adams of the Journal-American.

Laurese, who was in America for a few fights some 18 months ago, returned and boxed Jessie Turner in Brooklyn on April 12. "He definitely is one of the most exciting and lethal left hookers to come this way in recent years," said Lester Bromberg of the World-Telegram.

Rossi drew loud cheers too as he kayoed Eddie Compo on April 9.

### HITS HARD ENOUGH

"What a puncher! The boy is really good," enthused featherweight champion Sandy Saddler, one of Rossi's stablemates. "Rossi ought to do all right," said Compo. "He sure hits hard enough."

Compo once fought Willie Pep for the world featherweight title, so he has been around enough to recognize talent.

Many foreign boxers have come to America since the war ended in 1945, but few have been impressive. Kid Galvan of Cuba has been the most successful, of course, taking the world welter title, but Europe and South America have had little luck.

Robert Villain of France was a popular fighter because he was busy and courageous, but he lacked punch and was not considered a true championship material.

Laurent Dauthuille of France came very close to taking the world middleweight title from Jake LaMotta in September of 1950, but suffered a last round k.o. Even so, it was more LaMotta's inexperience than Dauthuille's skill that made it so close. A few months earlier Tiberio Mitri of Italy failed in a title bid against LaMotta.

Randy Turpin of England won the middleweight crown from Ray Robinson in London but lost it to Sugar Ray in the return in New York, and was most unimpressive in his loss to Bob Olson in New York last October.

Heinie Tex Hoff was the first German to fight in America after the war, but the big and hand-some heavyweight has won only against fourth-raters; he lost to Dan Buceroni when he met a ranking opponent.

José Gatica of Argentina came to America in 1950-51 highly rated, but was knocked out in one round by Ike Williams.

Edgardo Romaro, 225-pound Argentine heavyweight, was clumsy in his one New York fight against James Parker.—United Press.

## RECORD SWIM BY GERMAN

Berlin, Apr. 22.

Afred Spangler, an East German swimmer, broke the world record for the 400 Metres Individual Medley in Dresden today, according to a message from ADN, the official East German news agency.

The agency said that Spangler clocked 1 min. 18.3 seconds to beat the official world record of 8 mins. 35.6 seconds held by Maurice Lusson of France. Lusson recently clocked 6 mins. 27.3 seconds, a time which is still awaiting qualification as a record.—Reuters.

## HOME RUGGER

London, Apr. 22.

Bridgewater and Albion beat Teignmouth 10-3 in a Rugby Union match today.—Reuters.

## Rugby League Chiefs Must Get Tough

Says HAROLD MAYES

When football triumphed over toughness in last season's Rugby League Cup Final, in which Huddersfield beat St Helens, everybody who stands for the right over might theory derived pleasure from it.

Tomorrow Warrington and Halifax have the opportunity of proving to the public in the game's annual showpiece that the 13-a-side game can be very, very tough, and still be contested in the best sporting tradition.

I hope they'll do just that. Certainly, after the happenings in Yorkshire, there are plenty of people who have their doubts.

The Halifax players, who won the Yorkshire Rugby League Championship in a somewhat unpleasant game against Bradford Northern, threatened to strike as a result of the criticism they received.

As long as they keep their striking to threats—and off the field at that—all will be well.

Certainly some of the "foot-ball" from the game against Bradford has no place in this country produced a number of unpleasant incidents. When the British tourists arrive in Sydney next month they will be greeted with a warning from Australian Rugby League president, Bradford-born "Jersey" Flegg, about dirty play.

He's already warned his own players. Full marks to him for that. And now he plans similar advice in his welcome speech to the visitors.

But the strange thing about it is that he blames critics in England for the warnings having to be issued. There are people in England who are deliberately urging their team on," says Flegg. "The Australians are being played up as bashers. This sort of thing must leave the wrong impression with new players in the touring side, and I want that impression squashed."

Hard play, but no foul—this is his dictum. "I will not have a man in the code who deliberately punches another," says Flegg.

Yet when five players were sent off in the early matches of the new season, they all got away with cautions. This attitude, Flegg excused with, "It was the first trial of the season and players, and also referees, were merely finding their measures are warranted at this stage."

After that game the Rugby League asked for a report from the referee of the Cup semi-final between Halifax and Hunslet, which had taken place three days earlier, in view of the happenings during the last quarter were a disgrace to the code. The uninhibited fight between Clarkson, the Halifax loose forward, and Tyler, the Bradford prop forward, resulted in both being sent off the field five minutes from the end, but that was a clean, honest set-to compared with the sly punching, elbowing, obstructing and general nastiness which during the previous 20 minutes or so had been seen by everyone except, apparently, the referee and touch judges."

The report added that there were occurrences which would have justified the sending-off of at least half a dozen players.

Below are the League positions:

First Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Army 'A'	16	12	2	2	30
Recreo 'A'	16	14	1	1	29
Army 'B'	16	9	6	1	19
Victorians	16	10	5	1	21
Dorians	16	10	5	1	21
Grenrels 'B'	16	10	5	1	21
RAF Argonauts	16	4	12	0	10

Second Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Nav Bharat	16	10	2	4	22
Recreo 'B'	16	12	4	0	22
Spunkypots	16	13	4	0	23
JKTC	16	9	6	1	19
ACES	16	9	7	0	18
RAAF	16	9	7	0	18
Thunderbirds 'B'	16	9	7	0	18
University	16	9	7	0	18
Valley Sports 'B'	16	9	7	0	18
St. Joseph	16	4	12	0	10

Ladies' Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
KOV 'A'	17	15	2	0	32
Victorians 'A'	17	16	1	0	31
Victorians	17	15	2	0	31
Grenrels	17	15	2	0	31
DGS	17	14	3	0	31
Recreo 'D'	17	14	3	0	31
SHC	17	14	3	0	31

THE GAMBOLES

GEORGE, WOULD YOU MIND IF I TEAR THIS RECIPE OUT OF THE PAPER?



FIG IT ON THE SPORTS PAGE

WELL, THAT'S ALL RIGHT THEN

SPORT

# Wong Peng-soon To Be Reinstated By The BAM

Singapore, Apr. 23.

Malaya's biggest badminton controversy was ended on Thursday and World Champion Wong Peng-soon and his three colleagues are now back in the fold of the Badminton Association of Malaya.

Playing the part of chief mediator was the Commissioner-General for Southeast Asia, Mr Malcolm Macdonald, at whose residence the final meeting was held yesterday.

Attending the meeting were members of the Mayflower Badminton Party—which made the controversial tour of Formosa in December last year—and Cheong Hock Leng, a member of the touring team.

## PRESS STATEMENT

A press statement issued after the meeting said, "As a result of friendly discussions—following earlier talks in which Lake Wen Tha (patron of the Mayflower Badminton Party and the Selangor Badminton Association) also took part—misunderstandings and differences of opinion on badminton affairs were completely removed."

It was agreed that the Mayflower and Eclipse parties would seek re-affiliation to the Singapore Badminton Association and that the officers of the Association (present at the meeting) would recommend to their colleagues on the committee acceptance of the application.

Heah Joo Seung, expressed great pleasure at this development and said that the BAM would welcome the full return of Wong Peng-soon, Abdullah Piruz, Cheong Hock Leng and Lam Koon Yam to the Malayan badminton fraternity.

Young O'Donnell, who was the "Rookie of the Year" with Hollywood in the Pacific Coast League last season, gave up eight hits and most of the trouble he encountered was not of his own making.

It was Pittsburgh's third victory in four games with the Giants and the Bucs lost no time in wrapping it up. Hal Rice hit a three-run homer in the first inning, and in the third the Pirates kayoed starter Ruben Gomez when they scored three more runs, batting around on right-hander George O'Donnell.

The Giants picked up their first two runs on lead-off triples by Willie Mays in the fourth and Monte Irvin in the fifth, Mays scoring on Don Mueller's sacrifice fly and Irvin on an infield out.

When the Giants loaded the bases with none out in the eighth on a pair of errors by shortstop Allie, rookie O'Donnell pitched his way out of trouble.

In the only other Major League game scheduled for today or tonight, the Orioles defeated the Indians at Baltimore, 4-1, by knocking Mike Garcia out of the game in the first inning.

Bobby Young, Ed Wankus and Gil Conn singled in succession for one run and Conn stole second. Then Vic Wertz hit a two-run single. Art Houptman replaced Garcia and pitched four-hit ball the rest of the way.

Duane Pillette, picking up his second triumph for the Orioles, held Cleveland to five hits, striking out six and walking four.

The scores were:

## American League

	R	H	E
Cleveland	1	5	1
Baltimore	4	8	1
National League			
New York	4	8	1
Pittsburgh	7	10	3

HOME SOCCER  
RESULTS

London, Apr. 22.

Football results today were:

FA Amateur Cup Second Replay Bishop A'land 0 Crook Town 1

Division III (Southern)

Leyton Orient 1 Watford 1

Newport 1 Colchester 1

Reuter.

United Press.

## WEIGHED IN CHOCOLATE



The famous French boxer, Charles Humez, is weighed at his training quarters in Paris and on the other side of the scales is his weight in chocolate, a gift from French Sweet Manufacturers. Humez said he will donate part of the chocolate to needy old folks and part for the children of his native town, Henin-Lietard.—Express Photo.

WHAT! ME RETIRE?  
NO FEAR...

Says JOE MERCER

(Captain of Arsenal, aged 39, who broke two bones in his right leg at Highbury and is now in a London hospital.)

What! Me retire? No fear. When I retire from football it will be on two good legs, not on my back.

It's pretty grim to think that this should have happened at my time of Soccer life. But there's always a bright side. It could have happened at the start of my career.

The situation was that they themselves had withdrawn previously from the fold of the BAM.

HARMONIOUSLY  
TOGETHER

"All those at the meeting resolved to work harmoniously together according to the rules governing Malayan badminton with a view to upholding the highest traditions of Malaya's national game, maintaining badminton courts of the world, and in particular keeping the Thomas Cup in 1955."

Later in the evening the Singapore Badminton Association met and approved the applications for re-affiliation by the two parties.

The Selangor Badminton Association, in a statement issued from Kuala Lumpur, welcomed the move and stated, "The Selangor Badminton Association desires peace as much as any other association and will readily play its part" when Abdullah Piruz and Lim Koon Yam become an affiliated party of the Selangor Badminton Association.

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SPANIARD RANKS  
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I've played in five full internationals for England, three in all my life!" "WHAT A JOKE!"

FORTUNATELY THE PLAYING AREA IS COOL. BECAUSE THE WOODEN FLOORING IS ICE. WHICH IS JUST AS WELL 'CAUSE IF IT EVER GOT WARM OUT THERE FAILING SHOES AND SOCKS WE CAN'T SEE THEY'VE MUCH LEFT TO DISCARD! GUY UICKEYT

Wembley.  
THE WORLD  
TABLE TENNIS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS.

WE WERE  
DISCUSSING  
THE MERITS  
OF THE  
SPONGE BAT  
WITH AN  
HON. GENT FROM JAPAN

WHEN WE  
NOTICED MRS  
DETOURNAY OF BELGIUM  
AND REALISED  
WHAT DULL THINGS  
SPONGE BATS ARE

MRS DETOURNAY IS  
QUINTAINLY OLD FASHIONED  
AND PLAYS IN VOLUMINOUS  
SHORTS COMPARED WITH—

I got  
chillblains  
in August  
bothering  
after  
this stuff.

HELP!  
MOTHER!!  
Come and take  
your little boy  
home

THE YUGOSLAVS  
AND FRENCH  
WHO PREFER  
SOMETHING BRIEF,

## ASIAN GAMES SOCCER

Hongkong Draws  
South Korea In  
First Round

Hongkong will meet South Korea in one of four qualifying-round matches on May 1 in the Asian Games Football Championship.

Afghanistan, the third member in Hongkong's group, will meet the winners of Hongkong v South Korea on May 4 and the losers on May 2.

The 12 teams in the football tournament have been divided into four groups of three teams each. Competition in each group will be on a round-robin basis.

The four matches on May 1, the first day of play in the qualifying round are as follows:

Group A—China v Vietnam; Philippines—bye.

Group B—Singapore v Pakistan; Burma—bye.

Group C—Japan v Indonesia; India—bye.

Group D—Korea v Hongkong; Afghanistan—bye.

Qualifying round matches will be held on May 1, 2 and 4, four per day. The semi-finals will be held on May 6 and the final on May 8.

Ties in the qualifying-round will be broken by counting the goals made during the round. If there are ties in win-and-lose percentage and goals made during the round the champion ship will be determined by drawing lots.

The Track & Field competition will be held May 2-5 and the six-event Shooting programme May 3-7.

The programme for Swimming, including waterpolo, in which Hongkong are entered, was to have been mapped out last night.

Basketball will be held May 2-8, Boxing May 5-8, Wrestling May 1-3 and Weight-lifting May 1, 4 and 6.

In basketball, Nationalist China drew Indonesia, Japan, Thailand and for Group opponents, the Philippines, defending champions, drew South Korea, who finished sixth at the last Olympics, Singapore and Cambodia.

HONGKONG'S PROGRAMME

Hongkong's programme for Soccer, Shooting and Athletics are as follows: (swimming not available yesterday):

May 1  
Soccer—Hongkong v South Korea.

May 2  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/Pakistan; Vietnam.

May 3  
Athletics—100 metres dash (heats), 31.8 p.m.; 200 metres dash (heats), 5.15 p.m.

May 4  
Athletics—100 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 200 metres dash (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 5  
Athletics—200 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; shot put, 3 p.m.

May 6  
Shooting—Free pistol.

Soccer—Winner of Hongkong/Korea-Afghanistan (Group D); v Winner of Singapore-Pakistan (Group E); v Winner of China-Vietnam (Group A); v Winner of Japan-Indonesia-India (Group C)—(2).

Shooting—Rapid fire pistol; Clay pigeon.

May 7  
Athletics—100 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 200 metres dash (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 8  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan.

May 9  
Athletics—100 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; shot put, 3 p.m.

May 10  
Shooting—Small rifle (pistol).

May 11  
Soccer—Winner of Hongkong/Korea-Afghanistan (Group D); v Winner of Singapore-Pakistan (Group E); v Winner of China-Vietnam (Group A); v Winner of Japan-Indonesia-India (Group C)—(2).

Shooting—Rapid fire pistol; Clay pigeon.

May 12  
Athletics—200 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 400 metres free-style (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 13  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan.

May 14  
Athletics—400 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 400 metres free-style (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 15  
Shooting—Rapid fire pistol; Clay pigeon.

May 16  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan.

May 17  
Athletics—400 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 400 metres free-style (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 18  
Shooting—Rapid fire pistol; Clay pigeon.

May 19  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan.

May 20  
Athletics—400 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 400 metres free-style (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 21  
Shooting—Rapid fire pistol; Clay pigeon.

May 22  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan.

May 23  
Athletics—400 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 400 metres free-style (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 24  
Shooting—Rapid fire pistol; Clay pigeon.

May 25  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan.

May 26  
Athletics—400 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 400 metres free-style (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 27  
Shooting—Rapid fire pistol; Clay pigeon.

May 28  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan.

May 29  
Athletics—400 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 400 metres free-style (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 30  
Shooting—Rapid fire pistol; Clay pigeon.

May 31  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan.

May 32  
Athletics—400 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 400 metres free-style (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 33  
Shooting—Rapid fire pistol; Clay pigeon.

May 34  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan.

May 35  
Athletics—400 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 400 metres free-style (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 36  
Shooting—Rapid fire pistol; Clay pigeon.

May 37  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan.

May 38  
Athletics—400 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 400 metres free-style (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 39  
Shooting—Rapid fire pistol; Clay pigeon.

May 40  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan.

May 41  
Athletics—400 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 400 metres free-style (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 42  
Shooting—Rapid fire pistol; Clay pigeon.

May 43  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan.

May 44  
Athletics—400 metres dash (final), 3.15 p.m.; 400 metres free-style (final), 5.15 p.m.

May 45  
Shooting—Rapid fire pistol; Clay pigeon.

May 46  
Soccer—Lower of Hongkong/South Korea v Afghanistan.



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"PERSEUS"	Glasgow	5th May	6th May

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S. "LAOMEDON"	Liverpool	Rotterdam	Hong Kong

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G. "ELMIAEST"	24th Apr.	—	—
G. "ELMIAEST"	3rd May	—	—

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Transition In Lancashire:  
Move Towards Synthetics

London, Apr. 22.

The most interesting thing about the Lancashire cotton industry is not its decline — in which the statisticians revel — but its transition.

Its character and its technique are slowly changing.

Part of the cotton industry is still sticking wholly to cotton; in 1953 some 82 per cent of the spindles and some 70 per cent of the looms were devoted wholly to cotton and shunned synthetic fibres.

However, they are making some new kinds of cotton cloth with qualities (and prices) fully competitive with rayon and other synthetic cloths; they can put it on a very good show though it would still be a fairly small one.

On the finishing end of this section of the industry, there is a new tendency to expand vertically; companies which believe that they have a sound grip on the future are now tending to buy up companies which handle the earlier stages of their raw material. In general, this is a new Lancashire for the tendency in the past has been to expand horizontally.

But don't throw any bricks at the Cotton Spinners' Association. It was formed, against all the instincts of Lancashire, under severe pressure from a distrusted Tory Government many years ago.

## GENERAL CONTRACTION

But these developments only partly conceal the general contraction in the industry.

In 1952 a conference of cotton exporters declared that a reasonable export target was 1,350,000,000 yards a year. Today the target is about one-half that figure. But the decline is largely in the re-export of foreign grey cloth imported into England and finished; the actual amount of wholly British cotton cloth exported is somewhat higher than it was in 1952.

In short, the transition is towards new and attractive types of cotton cloths and cotton-synthetic-fibre cloths which are expected to pay well.

But there is still a substantial section which makes standard lines of cotton goods designed for export markets in the Far East; competition from Japan causes anguish here. — United Press.

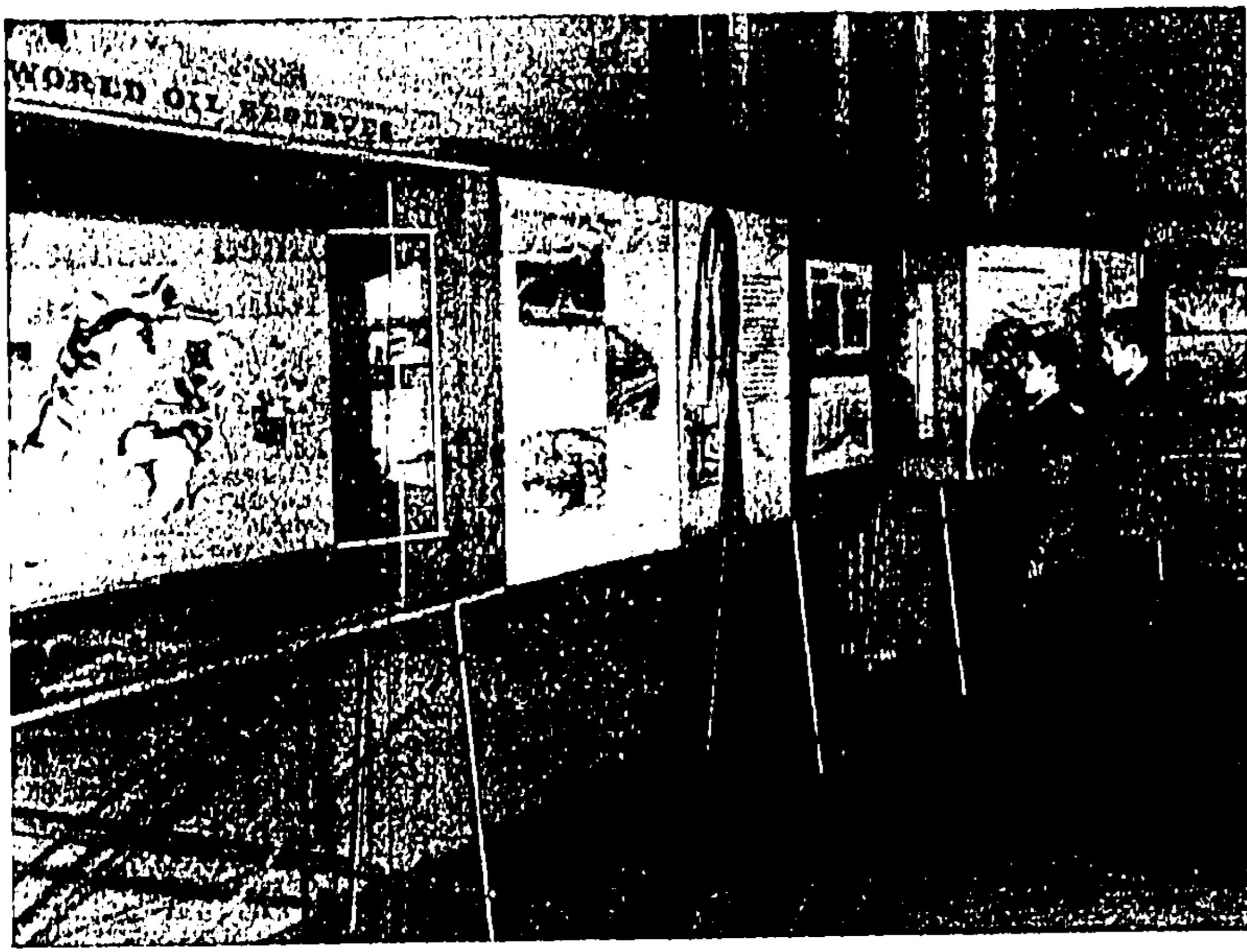
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**Oil Exhibition Opens In London**

Following an extensive provincial tour in England, the "Story of Oil" exhibition— which has already been seen by over 100,000 people—has its first public showing in London when it opened at the Science Museum, South Kensington, on April 9.

Consisting of 22 display cases, the "Story of Oil" is the first comprehensive scientific and technical oil exhibition designed expressly for a museum public. It demonstrates simply and graphically how science in its various forms is applied to the search for oil and to its production, transport and distribution. It is being reproduced in a number of countries overseas.

This picture shows a section of the "Story of Oil" exhibition photographed during the provincial tour. (A Shell Photograph).

# How Will Iranians Take The Return Of The Oilmen?

Teheran, Apr. 22.

Iran's ambitions are now concentrated so strongly on reviving her dying oil industry that the arrival of some 500 foreign oil technicians to help restart it will rank with the majority of people as a big day in modern history.

But the presence of even this relatively small group of foreigners in Iran is likely to present the Government with a major problem in public relations. For few nations display such a marked aversion to foreign influence as Iran.

People here explain that this is the outcome of centuries of invasion, of foreign intervention and more recently of Big Power rivalry over this strategically vital area which has made it seem that the country's destiny is decided not in Teheran but in Moscow, London or Washington.

They say that although the number of foreign oil technicians required to operate their oil industry may only be 500, their importance is far higher, since oil is the chief source of national wealth.

In 1951, the oil industry employed 70,000 workers, second in size only to the Iranian State Railways.

Iranians also claim the right to operate their own industry without outside guidance or control. But Western oil companies interested in reviving the industry reply that they are investing large fortunes in Iranian oil installations and must therefore operate day to day running in order to recoup quickly the capital spent.

If oil negotiations between the Iranian Government and five Western oil companies—five American, one British, one French and one Dutch—proceed smoothly, foreign oil technicians should be in Abadan by midsummer.

## On An Island

Abadan is the oil refinery, reputed to be one of the largest if not the largest in the world, which stands on an island in the mouth of the Shatt-el-Arab and which in 1951, refined nearly half of all Middle East crude oil.

Who the foreign technicians will be depends upon the outcome of Teheran negotiations. There are several theories, and the most popular one is that they will be almost evenly divided between British and Americans, with a handful of Dutch and French.

Their arrival in the oil town of Abadan itself will immediately boost local prosperity which slumped badly after the British evacuated Iran in 1951 following nationalisation of the industry by Mohammed Mossadegh.

Abadan contractors will resume supplying household goods and food to them, and local people estimate that each foreigner will employ three servants.

Throughout the country, and especially in Teheran which holds the political reins of Iran, the presence of the group may well irritate public opinion in spite of the fact that oil revenues will give economic stability and will eventually cut day to day living costs for everyone.

## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

### Further Slight Falls On Hongkong 'Change

By A Special Correspondent

In the last week share prices on the Hongkong Stock Exchange have lost more ground. The slight rally before Easter was not maintained and prices slipped back this week leaving the market dull and definitely weaker yesterday.

Losses on the whole have been fractional. This is largely due to the fact that there is no selling pressure at the moment. Turnovers this week have been very low, Monday's being \$627,004 and Tuesday's, \$549,100.

The market's current weakness is attributable mainly to the critical situation at Dien Bien Phu and also to the continued fall in the price of Banks. Lee House Street seems pessimistic about the chances of any tangible solutions emerging from the Geneva Conference. One broker said: "What will there be after Geneva—American intervention, an uneasy truce, or a stalemate? What difference does it make?"

Brokers also believe the market was depressed by Peking Radio's ominous charges against the United States of "military ventures" in Indo-China and its warning that Communist China would certainly not refrain from "doing something about armed aggression."

Union Insurance announced their final dividend of £1 making £2 for the year which is unchanged. Unions changed hands at \$860 yesterday which is a reasonably steady figure.

Yamada Ferries opened strongly at \$144 on Monday after being \$142 before Easter, but they slipped back again yesterday to \$142. Hopes of a bonus issue, is still keeping interest alive in this share.

There were no sellers of Banks yesterday at buyers' bids of \$1,435. The last sale was at \$1,050 but since then London register shares have eased back.

**RUBBERS IMPROVE**

There was some inquiry for Amalgamated Rubber shares yesterday and prices advanced to 96 and 97 cents, an improvement of four cents on the week. This is due to the better rates ruling at the Singapore Rubber sales.

Of other issues, Lands and utilities weakened in this week's depressed market but over the last fortnight Lands are only lower by \$1 while the rights have only lost 50 cents in the last eight days.

Trams sold at \$27.70 yesterday compared with \$28.10 on Monday April 12, China Lights are \$16.20 compared with \$16.40 on that date and Hongkong Electrics are \$30.40 compared with \$31.40 while

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**—United Press.**

**CHINA'S RUBBER BUYING SCHEME UNDER REVIEW**

Colombo, Apr. 22.

The entire procedure of purchasing rubber for China is now under review by the Ministry of Commerce and Trade following protests from both producers and shippers. It was learned today.

One source said that in the past, when there was a free market, there were 18 shippers.

After the rubber trade with China was taken over by the Government they had increased to 40.

Under the present system the

Rubber Commissioner buys from these 40 shippers each of whom is allotted a fixed quota. Rubber producers have protested that owing to the quota system they are experiencing difficulty in selling their rubber.—United Press.

**NEW YORK MARKET**

New York, Apr. 22. Rubber futures today closed 1 to 10 points lower with sales of 82 contracts.

Spot No. 1 Rba were quoted at 20% cents a pound. Prices:

May ..... 21.25

July ..... 21.00

Sept. ..... 22.70

Dec. ..... 23.00

Mar. ..... 23.00

May ..... 23.00

**—United Press.**

**LONDON MARKET**

London, Apr. 22.

The rubber market was

steadier with No. 1 spot quoted at 18-6/10 pence per lb. Prices:

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### KERRY BLUES

IT was late in the evening, and round a coffee stall near King's Cross Station men who worked on the railways were sipping tea, munching buns, and discussing the day's work, which for some was just ending and for others about to begin.

About the fringe of the group there hovered a man so broad and haggard shouldered that his shadow fell on the pavement like a cloud who was neither eating nor drinking, but seemed anxious for company.

A policeman, made suspicious by his inactivity, came up close under the lee of the broad man's shoulders, and presently heard him say to his neighbour, in a softly pleasant Irish voice: "Could you possibly loan me enough for a cup of tea?"

#### JUST A LOAN

IT was just what the policeman had expected to hear. He went up to the Irishman. "I'm arresting you for begging," he said.

"I beg your pardon," said Tim, good-naturedly. "I was doing no such thing as begging. I was just asking for a loan."

"Come along," the officer said. At the Clerkenwell court, next morning, Tim, a broad smile on his weather-tough, ruddy face, pleaded not guilty to the charge against him, and the story of his arrest was told to Mr Frank Powell.

"Do you want to give evidence on oath?" the learned clerk presently asked him.

"Sure," he said, and lumbered round to the witness-box.

#### IVE A FARM

"WHERE do you come from?"

The clerk asked, when Tim had taken the oath. "Why, from Kerry," Tim answered, as if there were no other place a man could come from and preserve his self-respect.

"What's your occupation?" asked the clerk.

"I've a farm," Tim said.

"A what?" The clerk laid down his pen. People caught begging who say they have farms do not often appear in the courts.

"I've a farm in Kerry with my brother," said Tim. "We work it together. It's just I came over to give my sister a hand with her place up in Norfolk, doing some tree-felling and the like for her."

"Did you have any money?"

**WIRED FOR MONEY**

"NO, yesterday I was caught short, so I was looking for a boy from Kerry that might lend me enough for a bed for the night. I've told the Post Office to get me some money from Ireland...."

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### Killed Man With Pen-Knife

#### Sentence Deferred

Sequel to a fight between two young men was the appearance before Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning of Chin Mau-sing, an apprentice fitter, indicted for the murder of Pak Hung-chat on February 2. The incident took place at 66 Castle Peak Road, Tsunwan, where the men were employed.

Chin pleaded not guilty to murder but, when told he could plead guilty to manslaughter if he wished, pleaded guilty to the lesser charge.

Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, informed the Court he would accept accused's plea.

Miss B. K. Searle, instructed by Mr Francis Wong, appeared for the accused. She said accused was a very young man who was not uneducated or unintelligent. He had just finished his apprenticeship and was now a fully qualified fitter in an engineering workshop.

The unfortunate scuffle took place on the eve of last Chinese New Year at a time when possibly everybody was in a rather highly excited state, said Miss Searle. The accused had used a small pen-knife in striking at the deceased and the evidence of the only eyewitness of the incident in the Court below was clear that the deceased, a much bigger and older man than the accused, had picked a quarrel with the accused and had led to the fight between them. The evidence also showed, Counsel remarked, that deceased was in a high state of excitement and temper at the time.

Miss Searle submitted that the pen-knife could by no means be classed as a dangerous weapon and said it was most unfortunate that it had led to the deceased's death.

His Lordship observed that the pen-knife was not a dangerous weapon, it had yet taken the life of a man. He agreed with Counsel that the whole incident would never have arisen if the deceased had not first attacked the accused.

He said he would like to consider the case before passing sentence. He thought every consideration should be given to the accused in the circumstances of the case. However, the use of instruments in the community here was so easy that anyone who killed someone could come along to the Court and plead guilty to manslaughter and get off scot-free.

He did not want to give any false impression in this regard, and he would adjourn the case to consider what penalty he would impose on the accused.

His Lordship said Counsel would be informed of the date when he proposed to pass sentence.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 22  
By Air

Indo-China, 6 p.m.  
U.S.A. and Canada, 5 p.m.  
North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.  
By Surface

Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24  
By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, 8 a.m.  
Philippines, 8 a.m.

Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 10 a.m.

Japan, 1 p.m.  
By Surface

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.

Federated Malay States, 9 a.m.

Indonesia, 1 a.m.

U.S.A. Central and South America, 1 p.m.

Macao, 1.30 p.m.

Burma, India, 2 p.m.

China, People's Republic, 3 p.m.

Macao, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25  
By Air

Portugal, Canada, 3 p.m.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A.

Indo-China, Malaya, Indonesia,

Australia, New Zealand, 8 p.m.

Macao, Okinawa, Japan, 8 p.m.

### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



### Farce Gives Plenty Of Laughs

In general, wrote Macaulay, "tragedy is corrupted by eloquence and comedy by wit."

"Will any Gentleman", by Vernon Silvane, comes under this generalisation, where nearly every character is a man or woman of wit. This has the effect of a grand blaze of humour that has to be sustained for some two and a half hours, a difficult enough task for those whose bread and butter it is.

For amateurs, keeping a farce

at this pitch of hilarity is very hard indeed, yet Guy Cope managed it last night with the Kai Tak Players. They more than held their own in the blaze.

It is hoped, therefore, that ex-members of all pre-war Hong Kong Volunteer Units who served until 1945 will form a contingent on the Parade on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground on Sunday, May 30, 1954, at 9 a.m. There must be a large number of former Volunteers who have now left the ranks and it is felt that they should be represented on this Centenary Parade.

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Further in his affidavit, Mr King said that when he started

his own business after leaving Falconer's, he did not deal in

the nautical business as alleged, nor did he ever say he was engaged in the nautical business.

It was also untrue, Mr King said in his affidavit, that on one

occasion when he returned from

a business trip to Australia, he

made a report to Mr Ipekdujan

as to what he was about to do in

the gold business.

Mr Yu went on to read other affidavits, among which was one

### Affidavits Read In Falconer Winding-Up Case

More affidavits were read before Mr Justice T. J. Gould, Acting Chief Justice, in the Supreme Court this morning when hearing resumed of the petition for the winding-up of George Falconer and Company (Hongkong), Ltd., brought by James Joseph Osborne King, goldsmith and silversmith, of 20 Braga Circuit, and a former Director of Falconer's.

The petitioner is represented by Mr Brook A. Bernachi, Mr D. A. L. Wright and Mr Patrick Yu, all instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

The petition is opposed by Mr J. B. Ipekdujan and Mr M. W. Seymour, shareholders, on behalf of the firm of Falconer's, for whom the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, Mr John McNell, QC, and Mr A. J. Clifford, are appearing, all instructed by Mr G. Hampton, of Messrs Hastings and Company.

Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr F. D. Hommond of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, is appearing for Mr Ipekdujan and Mr Seymour as individual shareholders.

Mr Winter, instructed by Mr F. D. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel, accepted the pleas made by Chen Wai-sum, formerly of the wholesale department of Falconer's, who mentioned various transactions in Buiova wrist watches he did on the Company's behalf.

Hearing is proceeding.

### MAN WITH REVOLVER SENTENCED

Sentence of three years' hard labour was passed by Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning on Ma Stu-kau, 33, who pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition without a licence.

Accused denied a second count of conspiracy, with others not in custody, to murder Kwok Fu-kwai on December 5 last year.

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Passing sentence, Mr Justice Reece said he could not take political motives into consideration.

Possession of arms without a licence was an offence that was all too prevalent in the Colony. He remarked that accused was fortunate he was not charged with murder as he might well have killed someone if he had been given sufficient time.

His Lordship ordered the revolver and ammunition to be confiscated to the Crown.

### St George's Day Ceremony

The strains of "The Last Post" sounded, as a wreath bearing the red cross of St George was laid this morning at the Cenotaph by Mr F. C. Clemo and Mr G. E. Marden, President and Vice-President respectively of the Society of St George.

Shortly before the brief, but solemn ceremony took place, four riflemen and two buglers from the First Battalion Dorset Light Infantry, took up their posts. The former, one at each corner of the Monument, and the latter on the balcony of the Hongkong Club overlooking the Cenotaph.

As members of the Society

were in ranks of two towards the east side of the Cenotaph, led by Mr Clemo and Mr Marden, bearing the wreath between them, the four riflemen took up the "Reverse Arms" position and bowed their heads. The buglers sounded "The Last Post", after which the wreath was laid.

Among those present at the ceremony were the Hon. Cedric Blaker, the Hon. M. W. Turner, Col. H. B. Dowbiggin, Messrs J. G. Meyer, M. M. Watson, W. T. Grindale, A. W. Wood, L. B. Stone, M. Y. T. Fennell, T. A. Martin and J. H. T. White, Assistant Superintendents of Sanitary Services, Mr M. E. Purvis, and M. T. H. King, Chief Health Inspectors; Mr R. G. Hogarth, Controller of Posts; Mr Li Yun-ching, Assistant Controller of Posts; Mr J. M. Ebs, Senior Marine Officer; Mr Yew Hung-ching, Assistant Registrar of Persons.

H. E. the Governor has made the following acting appointments:

Mr E. N. Ponsonby and

Mr G. H. Sheriff, Assistant Superintendents of Sanitary Services;

Mr R. A. Edwards, Chief Hospital Secretary;

Mr G. H. Sheriff, Superintendent of Sanitary Services during the absence from the Colony of Mr Charles Strange;

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